GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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POACHING OF MUSK DEER
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether illegal killings of the musk deer by poachers in the Himalayan region of Arunachal Pradesh is going on unabated which is on the verge of extinction;

(b) if so, whether the Government have made any assessment of the poaching of the musk deer;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the measures taken by the Government to check it?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a),(b)&(c) The Chief Wildlife Warden of Arunachal Pradesh has informed tht no case of killing of musk deer has been reported. However, the possibility of a few poaching cases in far-flung areas can not be ruled out as no systematic assessment of poaching of musk deer has been made in the State.

(d) :The funding pattern of central assistance under the scheme `Development of National Parks and Sanctuaries` has been upgraded to provide effective protection of musk deer and other endangered species found in high mountain regions of the state.